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KOPELMAN, et al.

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For:

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FABRICATING A DENTAL COPING, AND A

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the January 14, 2005 Office Action. The three-month period to reply to the Office Action expired April 14, 2005. Thus, a petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted with this paper, making the due date for reply May 15, 2005. As May 15, 2005 is a Saturday, the ultimate due date for reply is Monday, May 16, 2005.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for granting the May 4, 2005 interview and also thank the Examiner for indicating that amending the independent claims to recite "...milling an inner surface of said wax model corresponding to said inner surface of said virtual model..." would distinguish the presently claimed invention over the prior art.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.